

THE PUBLIC FORUM

GIVING EVERYBODY HIS SAY.—

In your column asking what is the biggest fake I notice on April 22 issue some person signing himself "An American Citizen" states that his idea is that it is the "Roman Catholic church and its whole outfit."

I would like to answer him through your columns. His spirit is very anti-American and anti-Christian. He degrades our grand free nation by calling himself an American citizen. I must express my great surprise that you would publish such narrow ideas that can only belong to one who is either mentally deranged or possesses such ignorance that his idea does not even deserve such notice.

I wish it understood that I am not surprised at his remark, as unfortunately we have only too many such ignorant, low-bred beings in our great United States, but I am surprised at a publication, "which I always have considered fair," granting such maniacs space for their ideas.

Kindly oblige me by giving this reply a prominent space.—F. J. Cunningham, 341 S. Wabash av.

CIVILIZATION.—When I told my wife that I had chosen to enter the contest with Civilization as my choice of fakes, she said: "O, but that is not in Chicago."

Civilization is the biggest fake. Yes, Chicago's. The civilization which would be convulsed with pride if Julius Roesnwald would sit at meat with it, and convulsed with "righteous" indignation if one of his \$4 wages slaves should give an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. Civilization which is somnambulized into believing it is serious; the leadstone of murder, which is at its height when most efficient in the art of killing; which parades the biggest criminal as a just system, and legally murders the poor devil whose home has been devastated by it. That which prostitutes the good and lauds

the bad; that which preaches virtue in the poor and practices vice among the rich; which holds out heaven as the worker's reward and takes unto the rich the earthly things; that which puts a penalty on intelligence and makes much of silly education; that which teaches obedience to the civil and criminal laws for the underdog and violation of them for the upper strata.

Your press, your church, your state, your system; bah! Civilization. I heard a foreigner once call it "Syphilization," and his broken English sounded the truth.—A. E. Carver, Gary, Indiana.

LIVE AND LET LIVE. — I do not like religious discussions of any kind, but at the same time I am disgusted with people signing themselves "An American Citizen," and "A Lover of Liberty," singling out the Catholic church and its followers to give vent to their religious bigotry and narrowmindedness.

It is an insult to the thousands of noble men and women of that faith who gave up their lives on the battlefield that we might all worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience.

Why don't they sign their names, come out in the open, so we will all know who they are? If they want to discuss religion, rent a hall. Leave the columns of The Day Book for working people to discuss their grievances in. I don't care what their religious belief is. The Day Book is the only paper where the workers can get a fair show. Let us live and let live.

Come out in the open now and show your colors. Sign your name and address. I would like to see who you are, a man or woman. Of course, if you are drawing a good salary for your work we can overlook your saying. Otherwise, don't take up space in The Day Book to give vent to your narrow-mindedness. Let us discuss the best way for workers to better